

REMARKS

After the foregoing amendments, claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-15, 18-22, 25 and 31-33 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 16, 17, 23, 24 and 26-30 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3, 8-10, 13, 18 and 21 have been amended and new claims 31-33 have been added to more distinctly claim subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Furthermore, the title of the specification has been amended to more clearly describe the claimed invention. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

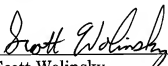
If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-15, 18-22, 25 and 31-33, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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